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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THE AMBASSADOR ASKS THAT YOU WAIT UNTIL HE RETURNS TO REPORT PROBE FROM PRC MILITARY ATTACHE (MOSCOW 2836).
2. RE PARA 1, MOSCOW 02836, KAY OLIVER IS BOOKED ON PA 66 ARRIVING 1545 MARCH 7.
3. RE OCCIDENTAL/VENTSPILS (LENINGRAD 627), WERE EMBASSY OR CONGEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO THE INAUGURATION OF THE VENTSPILS FACILITY?
4. LYMPHOCYTOSIS (STATE 39812) SOVIET DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH CHAZOV GAVE DR. ROSENFELD HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL COOPERATE WITH OUR PEOPLE IN MOSCOW ON OBTAINING BLOOD COUNT DATA OF MOSCOW RESIDENTS. CHAZOV INDICATED
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HE WOULD EXPECT AND REPLY TO CALL FROM EITHER DRS. GREENBERG OR NYDELL.

5. AMBASSADOR RAISED HOUSING PROBLEM WITH DOBRYNIN TODAY. LATER WE LEARNED FROM FBO THAT FBO TEAM HAD BEEN OFFERED 7 APARTMENTS LAST THURSDAY. THEREFORE, SOVIETS STILL OWE US

9 APARTMENTS--7 FROM MARCH 26 PROTOCOL AND 2 FROM JUNE 13 LETTER FROM TRACY TO VORONIN. BEFORE WE MAKE FURTHER OVERTURES HERE, COULD YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE OF THE SITUATION.

6. WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO LET TOM BELL--THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS MAN FROM COMMERCE--COME TO MOSCOW PRIOR TO SECRETARY KREPS'S VISIT NOT BECAUSE WE QUESTION THE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO MAKE THE BEST POSSIBLE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS, BUT BECAUSE WE FEEL THE MORE HER IMMEDIATE STAFF CAN LEARN FIRST HAND ABOUT REAL-WORLD CONDITIONS IN MOSCOW, THE LESS APT THEY WILL BE TO GO OFF HALF COCKED DURING THE VISIT. MAXIMUM PRESS EXPOSURE APPEARS TO BE A MAJOR OBJECTIVE, AND HER STAFF SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT CAN AND CAN'T BE DONE.

7. DEPARTMENT CONVEYED MESSAGE CONCERNING POSSIBLE CANCELLATION CIMS-SCST SEMINAR (MOSCOW 2634) TO AGNES PALL OF CIMS. SHE WILL BE GIVING US HER REACTION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WHICH DEPARTMENT WILL CONVEY IN MORE DETAIL. SHE DID INDICATE THAT AT HER LAST MEETING WITH GVISHIANI IN NEW YORK (FEB. 23) THE PLANS FOR THE SEMINAR WERE ON AND ALL DETAILS FIRMED UP. SHE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY OF OUR CONVERSATION TO INQUIRE CONCERNING HER REQUESTS FOR BRIEFING AND EMBASSY RECEPTION (STATE 16400, 20 JANUARY 78).
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8. RE STATE 46751, TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL HAS ALREADY AGREED TO MEETING OF TOURISM WORKING GROUP IN MOSCOW. GROUP WOULD TRAVEL TO MOSCOW ON MARCH 18 AND MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD MARCH 21-22. FABIAN CHAVEZ (ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMERCE USTS) HAS ALREADY AGREED TO HEAD US SIDE. WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT PROMPTED CHAVEZ'S READY AGREEMENT (AN AIDE SAYS HE RECEIVED "MARCHING ORDERS" FROM SECRETARY KREPS) BUT WE KNOW SOVIETS HAVE SWEETENED THE POT BY OFFERING A MEETING WITH GROMYKO OR KORNIYENKO.

9. AMBASSADOR AGREES TO NAME BROWN CONTROL FOR CODEL PRICE.
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